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ELECTRONICS EXTERNAL DEVICES VIA DATA DELIVERED TO A  
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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted prior to examination of the above-identified application.

#### In the Specification:

Please delete in its entirety the first paragraph on page 1, which begins with "This application claims priority..." and replace it with the following paragraph:

This application claims priority under U.S. law to provisional U.S. patent applications serial no. 60/213,058, filed 6/21/00; serial no. 60/214,529, filed 6/27/00; and serial no. 60/231,180, filed 09/07/00 each of which applications are owned by the assignee of this application and each of which applications are incorporated in its entirety by this reference.

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